

City of Joliet Illinois Newsletter

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Important Phone Numbers

**Police and Fire
Emergency**

9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency

(815) 726-2491

**City Hall Information/
Questions**

(815) 724-4000

Complaint Line

(815) 724-4005

**Water & Sewer
Billing**

(815) 724-3820

**Building Dept./
Inspections**

(815) 724-4070

**Public Utilities
(Water & Sewer)**

(815) 724-4220

Public Works

(815) 724-4200

Roadways

(815) 724-3650

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FALL 2016

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

City of Joliet Yard Waste & Leaf Disposal Guidelines

All residents disposing of yard waste and leaves in the City of Joliet should place their yard waste and leaves in rigid containers no greater than 32 gallons in size, to be collected on yard waste collection days by Waste Management, at the same time and location as their refuse and recycling disposal.

Residents must clearly mark designated yard waste containers so they are visible from the street. **Free** yard waste labels/stickers are available at: Joliet City Hall, Certified Foods, and Jewel Foods locations in Joliet. In addition to approved containers, residents may place their leaves in 30-gallon Kraft paper yard waste bags. Yard waste labels/stickers do not need to be placed on the Kraft paper bags but they do need to be placed on reusable containers.

Residents may also rent or purchase a 96-gallon cart from Waste Management for yard waste disposal provided the carts are clearly identified with the "Yard Waste Only" labels. Please note: Once the cart has been identified as a yard waste cart it may only be used for landscape-type waste during the yard waste season. Carts may be obtained by calling Waste Management Customer Service at 815-280-7854.

Yard waste will be collected through Friday, December 9, 2016. Qualified materials consist of grass and shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs, and other materials accumulated as the result of care of lawns, shrubbery, vines, and trees. Residents must bind brush, tree limbs, and branches in bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length. These bundles must not exceed 50 pounds, nor, may any single piece of the bundle exceed three inches in diameter.

Unbundled brush will not be collected. Residents are encouraged to use fallen leaves as mulch and to protect plants over the winter months or consider individual composting on-site as alternative methods of disposing of leaves.

All residents are reminded that the depositing of leaves and branches on sidewalks, in parkways, and streets is prohibited by City Ordinance. The City will not collect leaves that have been placed on sidewalks, in parkways, or on the streets. Any continuing violation of this prohibition could subject the homeowner to a fine of \$150 or more. The City of Joliet specifically prohibits the burning of leaves.

When leaves have been raked into the street, the street sweepers are unable to pick up those leaves as they may be hiding debris (branches, bottles, metal, etc.) and could cause damage to the mechanical equipment. Therefore, the street sweeper will go around leaf piles and the roadway will not be cleared of leaves. The presence of leaves in the street and on the parkway will also close off the drainage openings and create flooding problems, as well as increase the chance of vehicular and pedestrian accidents due to slippery surfaces.

Residents can contract with a local landscaping company to facilitate leaf pick up, raking, and disposal services if they would prefer or if they are unable to handle bagging their own yard waste and leaves. Residents raking their own leaves, who hire an outside company to dispose of them, must rake leaves into piles on their own property. Leaves may not be raked to, or deposited on, a sidewalk, parkway, or onto the street.

City of Joliet Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours

Designated "Trick or Treating" hours in the City of Joliet for Monday, October 31, 2016, will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

As you plan for a safe and happy Halloween, please keep in mind these safety tips:

- Houses wanting to be visited by "Trick or Treaters" should leave porch lights on.
- Parents should accompany all young children while "Trick or Treating".
- "Trick or Treaters" should only visit

houses and apartments of people they know.

- Children should take their treats home for parents to inspect before eating.
- Children should be reminded to walk, not run, between houses and use sidewalks when available.
- Remind children to practice caution when crossing the street and cross only at intersections when traffic is clear.
- Motorists should be careful and alert during and around these hours.
- Parents need to purchase, or make costumes, that are light and bright enough

to be clearly visible to motorists.

- To avoid a truly scary Halloween - think a house fire - avoid illuminating your carved pumpkins with real flames. Halloween poses a special risk because people tend to place jack-o-lanterns by their front door or in windows, where they can easily come in contact with flammable materials or get knocked over. For a similar look minus the danger, use battery-operated lights, like LED votives.

Following these safety tips will ensure that we all have a safe and happy Halloween.

Metra Adds Midday Express Service On Rock Island Line

*New service reduces travel
time up to 20 minutes*

On August 1, 2016, Metra launched a trial program to enhance midday service on the Rock Island Line by adding three inbound express trains and two outbound express runs during the midday that will speed the trip between suburban stations and downtown Chicago by 15 to 20 minutes.

The enhanced schedule was driven by the success of the weekend express service added last year, which has proven to be popular with customers. The service improvement will operate as a six-month pilot project. Ridership will be evaluated before any decision is made to make a permanent change to the Rock Island schedule.

New timetables are available on Rock Island trains and stations. The new schedule can also be found at metrarail.com.

Seniors & Public Transportation

*Call Will County Senior
Services Center for assistance*

If you do not have a Senior reduced fare card, you can apply by phone at (312) 913-3110 or online at rtchicago.com/files/documents/riderservices/Disability_App_Final.pdf. You can also call the Will County Senior Services Center at (815) 723-9713 for assistance with the application. Do you have a Senior organization that would like to learn more about public transportation or other options? Contact Beth Gonzalez from Pace at (847) 571-4269.

The link for the Will County Transportation page is: willcountyllinois.com/County-Offices/Special-Services/Public-Transportation

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, Fall!

*Message from Bob O'Dekirk,
Mayor of Joliet*

Dear Neighbor,

We are wrapping up an exciting and event filled summer in Joliet! Hopefully, all of you were able to enjoy some of the functions which occurred in our City over the last few months. We had an expanded roster of events taking place in downtown: New Orleans North, Nitro-Nite, Star Wars Day, Kidzfest, Brews and Blues, the Hopstring Fest, Fiesta En La Calle Celebration, Mexican Independence Parade, the weekly Farmer's Market, Race Fan Rally, Joliet Slammers Baseball, and the return of the Independence Day Celebration and



BOB O'DEKIRK
Mayor of Joliet

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see included in our newsletter, contact Peggy Thomas, Communications Coordinator for the City Manager's office, at pthomas@jolietcity.org or call (815) 724-3730.

Riverfest at Bicentennial Park. We also had the Taste of Joliet and the 4th of July Celebration at Memorial Stadium, NHRA and NASCAR races, and numerous other events that took place this summer.

Heading into the fall season, I would like to wish all of our teachers and students a safe and successful school year. I would also like to personally thank all of our first responders on the Joliet Police and Joliet Fire Departments for their service.

With Veterans Day approaching, let's honor our veterans and I would like to personally thank them, as well as their families, for their sacrifices and service to our great nation.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday parade downtown on November 25, 2016. On behalf of myself and my wife Rebecca, we would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Veterans Day Ceremonies

The Veteran's Day ceremony outside of the Will County Courthouse, located at 14 W. Jefferson St., will be on Friday, November 11, 2016. The event begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Eternal Flame, on the north side of the courthouse.

The Championship American Legion Band will perform. The ceremony will be broadcast on JCTV Channel 6. Parking in downtown Joliet is free on Veteran's Day.



Joliet Junior College will also be holding a Veteran's Day Ceremony at 12 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016. Joliet Junior College is located at 1215 Houbolt Rd, Joliet.

The Ceremony will take place on the Veteran's Memorial Bridge (Building H on the Main Campus). Parking is available in North Lot 3 and South Lot 6-7.

Everyone is encouraged to attend these events that honor our Veterans.

Joliet Community Cable Television

JCTV contact information: email JCTV6@att.net or call (815) 724-3754

Comcast:
JCTV - Channel 6: City of Joliet meetings, local programming & other special events

AT&T U-Verse:
Channel 99, Scroll to "Joliet"

City Council meetings are broadcast live on JCTV at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Pre-council (workshop) meetings are broadcast live on JCTV at 5:30 p.m. on the Monday before the City Council meeting. City Council and other meetings aired on JCTV can also be viewed live at youtube.com/JolietTV. Archived City meeting videos and local programming can also be found online at youtube.com/JolietTV.

Thinking about winter?

Now is the time to begin preparations for the harsh winter months

Winter will be on us before you know it. Now is the time to start looking at caulking and weather stripping around windows, doors, roof, and chimneys. Many sealing products require 50 degree temperatures and above to apply them. The time to prepare for winter is now.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Make sure the weather stripping on your windows and doors are in good condition. Also, make sure that all the latches are making them properly seal.
- Clean and inspect your furnace. If you don't know how then hire a professional heating contractor. If you have an air conditioning condenser, clean the debris and cover it with a tarp or an A/C cover.
- Inspect and clean your chimneys and fireplace.
- Examine your roof to make sure all flashings are properly attached and sealed and that your shingles are in good condition. Now is a good time to

make sure no leaves are clogging the gutters in order to reduce ice damming.

- Make sure your insulation is in good condition as it has a tendency to settle over time. By doing this you can reduce your energy consumption and your electric and heating bills.
- Lawn Care: Drain down irrigation systems and blow them out. Disconnect garden hoses and put them in storage. Drain and cover fountain and bird baths, and drain your lawn equipment of gasoline for safe and proper storage.
- Check sump pump discharge area to be sure it will not create icing issues.
- Wrap any water pipes that run along exterior walls or that are in an unheated crawl space or basement with heat trace wire. It will help prevent them from freezing.

You can find many other tips on the internet or at your local home improvement store. Be prepared so you can relax and enjoy the snow. If you have any questions you can reach the Building Services Division at (815) 724-4070. Or, if you have questions about frozen or broken pipes, a frozen meter, or if you need to replace your shut off valve, please contact the Public Utilities Department at (815) 724-4220.

Garbage/Yard Waste/Recycling Information

No Garbage Pickup

- Thursday, November 24, 2016 - No garbage pickup for Thanksgiving. Thursday and Friday pickup will each be one day late.
- Monday, December 26 - No garbage pickup for Christmas. Garbage pickup will be one day late that entire week.
- Garbage pickup on Columbus Day, Election Day, and Veteran's Day will take place as usual.

Last Day for Yard Waste Pickup

- Friday, December 9, 2016 - Last day for yard waste pick up.
- Monday, April 3, 2017 - Yard waste will resume.

Electronic Recycling Update

Free electronics recycling has been restored for Will County Residents at the following sites:

- Lockport Public Works, 17112 Prime Blvd, Lockport, IL on Tuesdays and

Fridays from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- New Lenox Township, 1100 S. Cedar Rd, New Lenox, IL on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Romeoville Public Works, 615 Anderson Drive, Romeoville, IL on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Note: Locations closed all other days and times.

Please bring your drivers' license. Limit 2 TVs per vehicle along with other electronic items that can be recycled.

For a list of items that can be recycled and updated information on electronics recycling locations, please visit willcountygreen.com. Be aware that illegal dumping during closed hours will be prosecuted. The County is working with public and private sites to open more sites. Please check willcountygreen.com for a current list of sites as dates and times are subject to change.

How to Report a Streetlight Outage

Please call Public Works at (815) 724-4200 to report street light outages.

Be prepared to provide the following detailed information:

- What is the pole made out of? Concrete, Wooden, Aluminum, or Decorative
- Exact address or intersection where pole is located, including side of street, nearest side street, and name of subdivision.
- Pole number when available: If concrete pole number is located on the street side of pole, eye level, yellow plaque with black numbers. If aluminum pole it is half way up the pole, white plaque with black letters and numbers.
- Is the light out? Does it go on / off? Is the lens dim? Does the pole lean or is it deteriorated? Has the pole been knocked down? Are wires exposed?

Depending on what the pole is made of determines who fixes it. The more detailed the information, the quicker response time for getting it fixed.

Snowfall Guidelines

Should the City of Joliet experience a significant snowfall in November and/or December, please refer to the snow guidelines posted on the City's website at cityofjoliet.info/residents/snow-removal

Did you know?

Each City has different items that are allowed to be thrown out with the garbage. The City of Joliet is very generous with its program.

Allowed Items: Large household items such as discarded furniture, beds, tables, carpeting, automotive tires, etc. will be collected on the regular pickup day. Cut carpeting and padding into 4 foot rolled sections weighing no more than 50 pounds each. Refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, freezers, air conditions, humidifiers, stoves, clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, ovens, dishwashers, water coolers, heat pumps, chillers, furnaces, and boilers will also be picked up on the normal service day.

Restricted Items: Materials such as earthen fill, boulders, rock and other materials normally handled in construction operations and large truck tires will not be picked up by Waste Management. Waste Management will also not pick up materials resulting from floods, fires or evictions. For questions, please contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854.

Selling/ Transferring Property

All property sales and transfers require that a completed Water/Lien letter be sent to the City at least 5 business days prior to closing.

A final water meter read is needed to calculate the final water bill.

All amounts due to the City must be settled in order to receive a transfer stamp.

Transfer tax is \$3 per \$1,000 of sale price. Transfer stamps are required for all properties within the boundaries of Joliet, even though your mailing address may be in Plainfield. Call Customer Service at (815) 724-3820 if you are unsure if your address falls within Joliet's City limits.

The seller must promptly notify the City of any changes and/or closing cancellations.

To download all required forms, and for additional information, please visit cityofjoliet.info/departments/customer-services/real-estate-transfer.

Summer Jobs and Internships

It is never too early to begin thinking of a summer job

Even though it is the Fall, it is never too early to begin thinking of a summer job or internship opportunity. The City lists its temporary job opportunities for the summer in the February to March timeframe. Over the years the City of Joliet has had opportunities in its Public Works and Public Utilities departments. For further information regarding these opportunities as well as other City positions, please visit our website at cityofjoliet.info and click on jobs.



PET OWNERS

DANGEROUS & VICIOUS DOGS

It is the duty of every dog owner to prevent their animal from biting or attacking any person, animal or property

It is the City of Joliet's intent to protect the public, properly identify potentially problem dogs, provide safe and equitable restrictions on dogs declared dangerous and/or vicious, and penalize owners who cannot control their dogs. It is the duty of every dog owner to prevent their animal from biting or attacking any person, animal or property.

If you or your pet have been bitten or attacked and you are injured, seek medical attention. An investigation of the attack should then be initiated by contacting the Joliet Township Animal Control at (815) 725-0333 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. You may also contact the Joliet Police Department: general number - (815) 724-3100, non-emergency number - (815) 726-2491, and in an emergency: 9-1-1. Any owner having knowledge that their dog has bitten or attacked any person or animal should notify the Police Department immediately.

After an attack, Joliet Township Animal Control, in conjunction with the Joliet Police Department, will conduct an investigation to determine if the City should hold an administrative hearing to deem the dog dangerous/and or vicious. During this investigation, under some circumstances, the dog may be impounded and turned over to the Joliet Township Animal Control for confinement at the owner's expense. Upon completion of the investigation, if there is reason to believe that the dog may be dangerous and/or vicious, the owner will receive a notice for an administrative hearing.

At the administrative hearing, a hearing officer will hear from witnesses and the owner about the attack. After the

hearing, the officer may find the conduct of the dog was justified and not dangerous/and or vicious. If the dog is determined to be dangerous, the hearing officer may order the following:

- Evaluation of the dog by a certified applied behaviorist, a board certified veterinary behaviorist, or another recognized expert in the field and complete training or other treatment as deemed appropriate by the expert.
- The dog may be spayed or neutered at the expense of its owner and micro-chipped.
- Subject the dog to enclosure during the times that the dog is not in the immediate control of its owner.
- Use of leash and muzzle whenever the dog is on public premises.
- Place restrictions on the dog, if it does not reside within the corporate limits of the City of Joliet.
- Fine the owner and/or order reimbursement to the victim for expenses incurred as a result of the attack.
- In the event the owner does not comply by a specified date, the hearing officer may order the owner to turn over custody of the dog to the Joliet Township Animal Control Center and/or have the dog held there at the owner's expense.

If a dog is determined to be vicious, the hearing officer may impose a fine, order reimbursement to the victim for expenses incurred as a result of the attack, and/or order euthanization of the dog by a specified date.

The City may also hold an administrative hearing to determine whether a dog that has been deemed dangerous on two previous occasions should be deemed vicious. Please take the steps to ensure your dog does not attack a person or companion animal. You could be subject to steep fines, reimbursement to victims, and possible euthanization of your dog. Together, we can continue to make Joliet a safe and enjoyable place to live.

Daylight Savings Time Reminder

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 2 a.m. When setting your clocks back, the City of Joliet Fire Department encourages you to replace the batteries on your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Changing those batteries every six months help ensure they will function properly.



SAFETY

FIREPLACE SAFETY TIPS

Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned as necessary

Wood burning fireplaces are designed to provide years of comfort, warmth, and relaxation. To ensure they can do their job, fireplaces require maintenance and proper operation.

Have the chimney inspected annually, and cleaned as necessary to ensure it's clear of obstructions and creosote. Creosote is oil that is released from the burning of wood that is released in the smoke. As the smoke rises and cools, the oil condenses and clings to the interior of the chimney in the form of a black oily residue.

Be sure that a chimney cap is in place to avoid being blocked by debris.

Make sure both a working smoke and carbon monoxide detector are in the home. Have an ABC fire extinguisher available. Make sure the area around the fireplace is clear of flammable materials; they must be at least 36" from the fireplace.

Use a fireplace grate. Always use a firescreen when the fire is lit. Never burn garbage, rolled newspaper, charcoal or plastic in the fireplace.



NEVER use gasoline or any other accelerant to help start a fire. Keep children and pets away from the fireplace.

Never leave a fire unattended. Don't close the damper until the embers are completely out.

Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed. When cleaning out the fireplace, store ashes in a non-combustible container with a tightly fitting lid and place the container away from the house or any other combustible surface (decks / fences).

The best way to ensure the ashes contain no embers is to douse with copious amounts of water.

NEWS BRIEFS

This year's Fire Prevention Week

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because NFPA's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

As a result of those and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends one detector on every level of a home including the basement. Detectors should be located in every bedroom, and outside each sleeping area.



Fire Chief Reminds Residents to Keep the Wreath Red During Holidays



Fire Chief Joe Formhals reminds residents of the following:

Keep the Wreath Red:

- All Joliet Fire Stations will have a wreath with red lights affixed to them for the month of December
- The wreath is a reminder to residents about holiday-related fires
- The program is held nationwide
- The wreath bulbs are changed if a holiday-related fire occurs in your City. Examples are Christmas tree fires, holiday wrapping paper in the fireplace, and electrical circuits overloaded with holiday lights. If one of these type of fires occurs, one red bulb is replaced with a white bulb - hence the phrase - "Help Keep the Wreath Red"



Special Olympics

*Jolice Police Department raises funds
for Special Olympics organization
in annual Torch Run*

Members of the Joliet Police Department recently participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. On June 7, members of the Department carried the Flame of Hope for nearly ten miles - from Saint Joseph Park in Joliet to Providence High School in New Lenox - where the torch was passed to New Lenox officers. This was the 23rd year Joliet police officers have participated in this event and have raised over \$500,000 for this cause.



Approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement across the state, including Joliet, carried the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles, running through thousands of Illinois communities via 23 different routes to its final destination ... the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games in Normal, Illinois.

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Since 1968, it has helped these individuals to overcome barriers through sports and has given them an opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and form friendships with fellow special athletes. Special Olympics Illinois provides opportunities for nearly 22,000 athletes, 40,000 volunteers and thousands more people statewide through 18 area programs in all 102 counties of the state.

Celebrating Preservation Month and 25 Years of Historic Preservation in Joliet

At their May 3, 2016 meeting, the Joliet City Council passed a resolution recognizing May as "Preservation Month". The focus of this year's theme is "This Place Matters." The Council also honored the 25-year Anniversary of the formation of the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission and presented a certificate of appreciation to 15 long serving members of the Commission. Long serving members honored at the meeting were: Sharon Merwin, P. Seth Magosky (posthumous honor), Hal Carlson, Robert Nachtrieb, Mike Daniels, Bonnie Horne, Marty Hohisel, Mark Baker, Brian Bottomley, Ray Skaggs, John Hickman, Marian Corley, Esther Grachan, Greg Spiess, and Kathy King.



A custom-made commemorative coloring book was produced by City Staff for the occasion. Please visit the City of Joliet website at cityofjoliet.info for a free download of the coloring book.

To obtain additional information about the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission, please contact Barb Newberg, City Planner and liaison to the Commission, at (815) 724-4052, or visit the Commission web page at the Joliet web site referenced above.

The mission of the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission is to identify and oversee the City's 100+ landmarks, districts and sites as well as to preserve such districts and sites for the use, observation, education, pleasure and general welfare of the inhabitants and visitors to Joliet. The Commission is seeking new members at this time, and applications are encouraged.

2016 General Election Information

Key Dates to Remember

September 29, 2016 -
First day ballots can be mailed.
October 11, 2016 -
Last day to Register to Vote
November 3, 2016 -
Last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot
November 8, 2016 - General Election



Joliet residents who reside in Will County can register to vote and/or request a "Vote by Mail" ballot by visiting thewillcountyclerk.com.

Joliet residents who reside in Kendall County can register to vote and/or request a "Vote by Mail" ballot by visiting co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration.

Library Events



All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit jolietlibrary.org or call (815) 740-2660.

Ottawa Street Branch: 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet • Black Road Branch: 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

October 1
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
VOTER REGISTRATION
Black Road Branch

October 3
6-8 p.m.
MOVIE IN SPANISH
Ottawa Street Branch
Enjoy a free movie (Ratchet and Klank) in Spanish and some light refreshments at the Library.

October 5
6-7:30 p.m.
MANGO LANGUAGES DATABASE: LEARN SPANISH DEMO
Ottawa Street Branch
Learn to speak Spanish like a native! Visit the reference desk on the 2nd floor to learn more about Mango, our foreign language database, in these brief, drop-in demonstrations.

October 8
2-3:30 p.m.
SALSA TASTING
Ottawa Street Branch
Come meet and mingle with other salsa lovers while enjoying a variety of mild to hot salsas.

October 9
2-4 p.m.
2nd ANNUAL ROOTBEER FEST!
Black Road Branch
Sample and vote for your favorite root beer. Join us for trivia, snacks, & prizes! NEW for 2016--LIVE music!

October 10
1-3 p.m.
POP-UP THEATER
Ottawa Street Branch
Grades 4-8, registration opens Sept 26
Are you ready to LOL? We're going to turn some funny books into scripts, have a practice run, and then put on a show with some photo worthy props.

October 13
6-7:30 p.m.
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
Black Road Branch
Grades 6-12, registration required
Learn how to make catapults, launchers, and more using simple office supplies.

October 22
2-3:30 p.m.
R.I.P. MIDWEST PARANORMAL
Ottawa Street Branch
All ages welcome with adult caregiver, registration required
Listen to R.I.P. Midwest Paranormal Group discuss their recent visits to haunted places (including our Main Building location!), talk about the equipment they use, and answer questions about things that go bump in the night!

October 27
6:30-8 p.m.
HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR
Black Road Branch
All ages, registration opens

Oct 10
Bring the whole family for a Halloween extravaganza! Come in costume for exciting stories, games, crafts, and snacks that will be taking place throughout the library.

November 1
6:30-7:30 p.m.
DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS
Ottawa Street Branch
All ages, no registration required
Families of all cultures are invited to celebrate Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). This special celebration, which honors the deceased, will include a performance by Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Ballet Folklórico, crafts, games, and an all-ages costume contest.

November 2
6-7 p.m.
MANAGING TYPE 2 DIABETES
Ottawa Street Branch
All ages welcome with adult caregiver, registration required
Dr. Vida Puodziunas from Healthy Connection Physical Medicine will be here to discuss the causes of Type 2 Diabetes, healthy ways to manage the condition, and possible treatment options.

November 12
1-2 p.m.
COMIC BOOK WORKSHOP
Ottawa Street Branch
Grade 4 and up, registration opens October 24
Artist Dan Laib will teach you

tricks that artists use to tell a compelling story in a visual manner.

November 18
4:30-7 p.m.
LASER TAG MADNESS
Black Road Branch
Grades 6-12, registration is required.
Friday Night Madness Laser Tag Style.

November 19
2-3 p.m.
A SALUTE TO VETERANS
Black Road Branch
Adults, registration required
Enjoy an afternoon show and refreshments with Ron and Sandie, a terrific song and dance team paying tribute to those who serve. Bring your family and friends!

December 3
2-3 p.m.
GIFTS FROM YOUR KITCHEN
Black Road Branch
Adults, registration required
Pastry Chef Rose Deneen demonstrates how to create and package some unique homemade gifts for the holiday season. Tasting &

recipes included along with the opportunity to win a gift to take home!

December 10
2-3 p.m.
THE ESSENTIAL CHRISTMAS CAROL
Ottawa Street Branch
All ages welcome with adult caregiver, registration required
Through storytelling, presenter William Pack performs a reading of A Christmas Carol enhanced by a modern recreation of a magic lantern slide show popular during Dickens' lifetime.

December 13
6:30-8 p.m.
December 14
10-11:30 am
STORIES WITH SANTA
Black Road Branch
All ages, no registration required
Santa's helpers will read seasonal stories. Children will have the opportunity to meet Santa and spend time doing activities with their families. This event is co-sponsored by the Will County Reading Council.



Annual Light Up the Holidays Parade and Festival

The Annual Light Up the Holidays Parade and Festival sponsored by the University of St. Francis

will be on Friday, November 25, 2016. Activities begin downtown as early as 9:30 a.m., and include the Fantastic Fun Fair in the Joliet Area Historical Museum's auditorium, as well as many other activities in downtown Joliet.

Tree Lighting begins at 5:15 p.m. in Van Buren Plaza followed by the Light Up The Holidays Parade at 5:30 p.m.

Fall Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park

Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park (1976-2016) continues its 40th anniversary celebration with a few new events as well as old faves. Come enjoy your scenic downtown park by the river with Dr. Frank-N-Furter and Riff Raff for "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" on the hill. Dress and participation encouraged. The gnomes are back for their 40th year, too! Come with the family to the traditional matinee, THEN return for the adult version - "The Drunken Gnome." The park is located at 201 W. Jefferson St. on the west side of the DesPlaines River. Free parking. Please call (815) 724-3761 to register or for tickets except where noted. Also, check out bicentennialpark.org for more information.

September 11
10 a.m. Tailgate, 12 p.m. Kick-off
BEARS, BEERS, BBQ, BANDS & BAGS!
Cost: FREE Bicentennial Park admission.
Outdoor event. Bring your own chair. Food, brews and games for purchase. No outside alcohol.

September 17 - October 22
9 a.m.-10:15 a.m. (Grades 1-5, Cost: \$60)
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Grades 6-12, Cost: \$65)
SATURDAY YOUTH DRAMA CLASS

Bicentennial Park - 201 W. Jefferson St.
Open to all levels of interest.

September 23 - 25
& September 30 - October 2
8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays
"LOVE, SEX AND THE IRS"
Bicentennial Park - 201 W. Jefferson St.
Cost: \$12 advance/ \$15 door. Latitude 41° presents this romantic comedy of one couple plus a few more dodging the IRS and each other. Lat 41° tickets: (331) 725-2841

October 8
7:30 p.m. Pre-Show. 8 p.m. Movie.
"THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW"
Bicentennial Park - 201 W. Jefferson St.
Cost: \$5. Warmup with pre-show fun and then watch this cult classic under the stars. Don't forget the toast!

October 15-16
"THE SPIRIT OF ALL HALLOWS EVE"
1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Bicentennial Park - 201 W. Jefferson St.
Cost: \$5. Be entertained while learning about Halloween traditions. Live theatre show suitable for ages 6 and older.

October 27-30
7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and 2 pm Sunday
PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
PLAY "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN"
Bicentennial Park - 201 W. Jefferson St.
Cost: \$8 / \$5 students and seniors.
Providence tickets: (815) 485-2136 x3323

November 17 - 19
7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday
2 p.m. Saturday

"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST"
Bicentennial Park - 201 W. Jefferson St.
Cost: \$10 / \$8 students and seniors. Enjoy this classic presented by Joliet Catholic Academy.
JCA tickets: (815) 741-0500 x432

December 3-4
1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday
40th "FESTIVAL OF THE GNOMES"
Bicentennial Park - 201 W. Jefferson St.
Cost: \$5. Holiday fun for all ages!

December 3
8 p.m. Saturday
"THE DRUNKEN GNOME"
Bicentennial Park - 201 W. Jefferson St.
Cost: \$5. For mature audience.

December 16-18
7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday
MADRIGAL DINNER THEATRE
Bicentennial Park - 201 W. Jefferson St.
Joliet Drama Guild takes you back to times of yore with dinner and interactive show.
Call JDG for ticket prices: (877) 534-1933

Fall Joliet Park District Activities

For questions or more information on any of the Joliet Park District activities either visit the Joliet Park District website at jolietpark.org or call (815) 741-7275. Please note that most events require pre-registration.

October 1
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
CHANGING OF THE LEAVES FALL FESTIVAL
Pilcher Park Nature Center - 2501 Highland Park Dr.
Cost: \$5

October 1
10:30 a.m.
RUN THE RUNWAY - 1 MILE RUN AND BEER TASTING
Joliet Regional Airport - 4000 W. Jefferson
\$35 Run / \$50 Beer Tasting

October 15
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
TRIP TO HEAP'S PUMPKIN FARM
Departs from Hartman Recreation Center at 511 N Collins St.
Cost: \$25

October 17
10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
MATURE MUNCHERS

Hofbrauhaus Chicago, Rosemont
Cost: \$30. Departs from Joliet Park District at 3000 W. Jefferson.

October 27
10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
DRURY LANE SMOKEY JOE'S CAFÉ - LUNCH AND SHOW
\$55 Resident/\$60 Non-Resident. Departs from Joliet Park District at 3000 W. Jefferson.

October 29
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
SPOOKY CAMPFIRE NIGHT
Pilcher Park Nature Center - 2501 Highland Park Dr.
Cost: \$6

November 6
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Set-up time is from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
FALL FRENZY FLEA MARKET FOR KIDS
Multi-Purpose Center Gym located at Joliet Park District - 3000 W. Jefferson
Cost: \$5 for a table. It's time to earn cash and free up some extra room just in time for the upcoming holiday season. This is the perfect opportunity for children 12 and under to sell toys, clothes, sporting goods, books, electronics - anything is fair game

as long as it is designed for kids, and in good taste.

November 11
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
PRESENCE INWOOD ATHLETIC CLUB 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Presence Inwood Athletic Club Lobby - 3000 W. Jefferson St.
Open to the public. Specialty classes and rollback sales will be offered. Join them for open swim and skate (fees apply).

November 18
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
LITTLE TRAVELER'S (GENEVA, IL)
HOLIDAY SHOPPING
Departs from Joliet Park District at 3000 W. Jefferson
Cost: \$35 Resident/\$40 Non-Resident.

November 21
10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
MATURE MUNCHERS
Glenwood Oaks, Glenwood
Cost: \$30. Departs from Joliet Park District at 3000 W. Jefferson

December 3-4
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
POINSETTIA SALE

Barber and Oberwortmann Horticultural Center - 227 N. Gougar Rd

December 4
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
ROYAL BALL - A DADDY/DAUGHTER SPECIAL EVENT
Multi-Purpose Center Gym - 3000 W. Jefferson St.
Cost: \$35 Resident/\$45 Non-Resident (fee is per couple). Ages 3-12 - Suits and dresses are suggested. Our royal couples will enjoy dessert, snacks, games, dancing, and memories that will last a lifetime. A professional photographer will offer picture packages for an additional cost.

December 17
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Hartman Recreation Center located at 511 N. Collins St.
Cost: Free. Get into the holiday spirit at the Hartman Center. Enjoy snacks, crafts, games and a visit with Santa. Pictures with Santa will be available for a small fee.

Rialto Square Theatre

Please visit the rialtosquare.com or call (815) 726-6600 for events and pricing.